

Turner painting fetches \$6.4m

PARIS, May 29 (Agencies) — A painting by English land-
scape painter J.M.W. Turner was sold for a record \$6.4 million today
by a anonymous buyer sitting in the main auction room at
Christie's in New York. The sale price for Turner's
"Rain, Steam, and Great Bridge," a scene of Venice at sunset, was the
highest ever paid for a fine art object at auction, Sotheby's said.
The painting, which started at \$500,000 and quickly escalated. The previous
record was the \$5.5 million paid for Velazquez's "Juan de Pareja"
at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York in 1970.

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U.S. approves military sales to China

WASHINGTON, May 29 (Agencies) — The United States told
China today that Peking was now free for the first time to buy a
wide range of non-lethal military equipment from U.S. com-
panies. The approval, announced at the end of a four-day visit by
Chinese Vice-Premier Geng Biao, was expected to lead to sales
totaling hundreds of millions of dollars. U.S. Defence Secretary
Harold Brown said the government had approved export licence
applications for equipment such as air defence radar, helicopters
and communications gear, and for the sale of computers. Mr.
Brown and Mr. Geng stressed that the actions are significant in
what they described as a "step-by-step relationship" between the
two superpowers. Mr. Brown emphasised that the moves did not
represent the beginnings of a formal alliance between the coun-
tries, although he said "the People's Republic of China and the
United States are friends."

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres;
Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

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U.S. delays further moves

U.K. sanctions on Iran officially go into effect

PARIS, May 29 (AP) —
The United Kingdom has
imposed limited
sanctions on Iran from
Thursday but
has not yet
officially
announced
the move.

These are considered less effective
than sanctions applied through the
United Nations.

On Saturday, the World Court
in The Hague set the stage for a
new U.S. effort by issuing a final
ruling that Iran had violated inter-
national law by detaining the
Americans.

U.S. officials said the move was
a "step-by-step relationship" between
the two superpowers.

In Washington, the Carter
administration is delaying a call
for new sanctions against Iran to
see if the authorities in Tehran will
heed a ruling by the International
Court of Justice that the American
embassy hostages should be freed.

Iran has already called the
World Court decision "mean-
ingless," and when its new par-
liament convened for the first time
on Wednesday the question of the
hostages was not addressed by
President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr.

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The administration moved for
sanctions in the council last Janu-
ary but was blocked by a Soviet
veto. Subsequently, Western
European and Pacific group
members joined in limited sup-
port of American diplomatic and
economic restrictions against Iran.

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King Hussein to visit Washington in June

WASHINGTON, May 29 (Agencies) — His Majesty King
Hussein will make an official visit to Washington on June
17-18 for talks with President Carter, the Jordanian
Embassy in Washington and the White House announced
today.

A statement issued jointly said "both leaders felt that this was a
good time to exchange views on issues of interest to our two coun-
tries."

Her Majesty Queen Noor will accompany the King on the visit.
The White House press office said the King and Mr. Carter had
agreed in principle some time ago that His Majesty should make an
official visit. They last met in January 1978.



He said an EEC initiative would also be line with Arab summit
resolutions on a Middle East settlement.

Reuters quoted diplomatic sources as saying the European
initiative could come in the form of a U.N. Security Council resolu-
tion calling for Palestinian self-determination.

But the sources believe any such resolution would be a supple-
mentary document and would not in any way replace or alter
Resolution 242, which lays down guidelines for a comprehensive
Middle East settlement.

The United States has said a major European scheme for a
settlement at this stage would undermine the negotiations between
Egypt and Israel under the Camp David accords.

In the interview, the King said: "The essence of Camp David
is...the neglect of the United Nations and its Resolutions 242 and
338, as well as the neglect of the other parties to the dispute."
That approach, he said, "will lead nowhere."

The only chance for an honourable and just peace, from the
Arab point of view, lies in a unified Arab delegation going to
Geneva to negotiate," the King was quoted as saying.

Nablus mayor's wife arrested for staging anti-Israeli protest

TEL AVIV, May 29 (Agencies) —
Israel's military government today
briefly arrested the wife of Nablus
Mayor Bassam Shak'a for organis-
ing a demonstration against Israeli
rule in the occupied West Bank.
Israel Radio reported.

Mrs. Inaya Shak'a, who led a
campaign against Israeli plans to
deport her husband last
November, was charged with caus-
ing a disturbance in front of homes
sealed up by the army on May 26.

The two houses and one apart-
ment were permanently sealed
because the owners allegedly
threw firebombs at an army vehi-
cle. The demonstration was held
to protest against the punishment,
which has left the houses unin-
habitable.

Mrs. Shak'a arrested with six
other women and detained by the
military government for several
hours. They were later released
pending trial.

Meanwhile, a dusk-to-dawn
curfew was lifted today by the
Israeli military authorities in the
occupied Arab city of Hebron.

A total curfew was imposed
after the May 2 Palestinian guer-
rilla attack on Jewish settlers in
Hebron, in which six people died.
After two weeks, the curfew was
lifted during daylight hours, and
finally removed altogether
tonight.

Municipal sources said the cur-
few had caused Hebron damages
amounting to millions of dollars.
The commanders who carried
out the attack were not caught.

Following the incident, the
Israeli army demolished houses
near the scene of the attack, and
today civilian affairs officials in
the military government said they
were negotiating with one of the
house-owners after agreeing in
principle to pay him damages.

They did not know at the time
that the building belonged to the
Harbawi family, who had saved
dozens of Jewish lives during
the disturbances in Hebron in
1929.

3 Gulf states to combine in petrochemicals

BAHRAIN, May 29 (R) — Saudi
Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain
today formed a company to build a
\$400-million petrochemicals
complex in Bahrain as part of
moves to coordinate industrial
strategies in the Gulf.

Bahrain's Minister of
Development and Industry
Yousuf Shirawai told reporters
that the project was "a first step to
the integration of this industry and
other industries."

The complex will produce 1,000
tonnes a day of methanol and the
same amount of ammonia and will
be on stream by the end of 1983.

In troubled southern Lebanon,
where seven people were killed in
fighting last week, a joint com-
mittee was formed today to
restore order.

Israeli warplanes maintained
their daily flights over Beirut and
the south, apparently on recon-
naissance missions.

Israel's crises:

- Begin settlements disclosure
upsets WZO officials
- Shamir, Modai appointments
stir more opposition

TEL AVIV, May 29 (Agencies) — reports that Israel intends to establish
Israeli officials responsible for setting only 10 more outposts in all the
Arab land reacted strongly today to

An official in the World Zionist
Organisation (WZO) settlement
department, which plans and sets
up all new settlements in the
occupied territories, told Reuters
that plans exist for the foundation
of at least 40 new settlements over
the next three years.

Work is scheduled to begin on
nine of these by the end of this
year, though budgetary problems
might hold up the work on some of
them, the official said.

Prime Minister Menachem
Begin said in an interview with the
Washington Post on Tuesday that
no more than 10 new settlements
would be built in the occupied ter-
ritories, although existing civilian
outposts would be strengthened.

During the interview, Mr. Begin
telephoned Agriculture Minister
Ariel Sharon, who, as chairman of
the government's ministerial set-
tlement committee, masterminds
Israel's settlement policy, to check
the figure, the newspaper said.

Mr. Begin then said: "Only 10
more, then it is finished. This is
what we need for our security."

The WZO official said the plan
conceived by settlement depart-
ment head Mattityahu Droblies
called for 30 more settlements to
be built in the occupied West
Bank of Jordan by October 1982.
In addition, separate plans existed
for the establishment of five new
settlements in the Jordan Valley,
to surround the town of Jericho,
and five more new settlements at
the southern end of the Gaza
Strip.

The Droblies plan was presented
to the government in October
1978. It was kept a close secret
until several months ago, when it
found its way into the hands of the
Palestine Liberation Organisation
(PLO) which distributed it in the
United Nations.

The Droblies plan calls for set-
tlements in the West Bank and
Gaza Strip to be built in clusters,
with several settlements situated
within a few kilometres of each
other.

Sources at Mr. Begin's office
confirmed today that he had told
the Washington Post that Israel
would build only 10 more new set-
tlements. But the sources said the
newspaper had omitted a key
phrase in the prime minister's
interview.

"Mr. Begin stressed that Israel
would continue strengthening and
thickening its settlements in the
territories," the sources said.

Israeli officials use the term,
"thickening settlements" when
new outposts are added to existing
clusters. The sources said Mr.
Begin and Mr. Sharon may have
intended to suggest that Israel
would build only 10 more clusters,
but each one will consist of several
settlements.

Despite Israel's economic prob-
lems, with inflation running at 120
per cent and the balance of pay-
ments position worsening, there
have been no signs of the set-
tlement drive slackening.

Five new settlements have been
founded since the beginning of the
— year Mitze Givon and Dotan
in the West Bank, Katif D in the
Gaza Strip and Vered Jericho and
Beit Ha'arava near Jericho in the
Jordan Valley.

In addition, the government
decided last week to seize state
land in order to expand six exist-
ing West Bank settlements. The
Droblies plan calls for the Jewish
population of the West Bank to
increase from its present 14,000 to
59,000 by late 1982.

The extreme nationalist lobby,
headed by Mr. Sharon, Mr. Dro-
blies and the Gush Emunim (Faith
Bloc) movement is pressing for
further measures.

It wants the government to
introduce legislation that would
change the legal status of Arab

lands and permit the government
to expropriate privately owned
areas. At the moment, the gov-
ernment may seize only state land
and is forbidden to expropriate
private land unless it can prove
this is vital for Israel's "security."

Mr. Droblies is also pressing for
a vastly increased budget for set-
tlements. The WZO official said
today that the government
planned to spend 300 million
shekels (\$75 million) on set-
tlement in the occupied territories
this year.

But Mr. Droblies has submitted
a memorandum calling for an al-
location of between two and three
per cent of the total state budget,
which would bring the figure up to
1.9 billion shekels (\$475 million).

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister
Yitzhak Shamir today rejected a
demand by Egypt for a freeze on
new settlements on occupied Arab
land.

Mr. Shamir, who is believed to
be Mr. Begin's choice as Israel's
new defence minister, replacing
Mr. Ezer Weizman, who resigned
this week — partially in opposi-
tion to Mr. Begin's settlement policies
— told a press luncheon today:
"The settlements are indis-
pensable for our existence and our
security, and it is also our right (to
establish them). We will never
give it up."

Egypt had made a freeze on set-
tlements a condition for resuming
the stalled talks with Israel on
"autonomy" for the Palestinian
inhabitants of the occupied ter-
ritories.

Mr. Shamir said the autonomy
negotiations were intended to
grant the Palestinians the right to
run their own lives, not to end
Israel's presence in the occupied
West Bank and Gaza. Jewish set-
tlements in the areas, he said, "are
an expression of our aim to create
an Israeli presence in this area."

President reports quote sources
close to the hawkish agriculture
minister as saying he has
threatened to resign if he is not
appointed defence minister or
given a greater voice in defence
matters.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg,
chief of the NRP, said his party
had no objection to Mr. Shamir,
but opposed giving the foreign
ministry to Mr. Modai's Liberal
Party. The NRP has often
demanded greater representation
in Mr. Begin's cabinet.

Mr. Sharon also remained a

Jordan Times

British M.P.s pledge to promote conditions for Palestinian state



Members of the British parliamentary delegation speak to reporters at Amman airport prior to their departure Thursday.

Middle East hiatus

ONE OF the British parliamentarians who visited Amman this past week noted that there has been a "dramatic shift" in British public opinion with regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict. The following editorial is reprinted from Wednesday's issue of the eminently establishmentarian London Financial Times. We feel it should be read as a useful indication of where mainstream British public opinion now stands on the Middle East question.

SINCE THE conclusion of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty 14 months ago the so-called Camp David process has moved only sporadically, spluttering like an old vehicle on the verge of a break-down. Arguably, it has made no advance whatsoever. With the passing of the May 26 deadline for the conclusion of the talks on autonomy for the Arab inhabitants of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, the contraption has ground to a complete halt.

The talks that have taken place over the past year on Palestinian autonomy could hardly be characterised as negotiations. Only after President Jimmy Carter obtained a commitment from President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Mr. Menachem Begin, the Israeli prime minister, that the exchanges should be intensified did they come to grips with the real issues, in particular security arrangements for the territories.

Predictably, Israel showed no hint of flexibility in its insistence that it alone should be the judge of its own requirements and, therefore, that security, internal and external, should be its exclusive domain. The meetings at Herzlia and Alexandria only served to emphasise what seemed crystal clear long before: Egyptian and Israeli concepts of autonomy are poles apart, quite apart from those of the Palestinians themselves.

Mr. Sadat's decision to suspend them was not only understandable but perhaps politically necessary also.

For its part, the Israeli government seems happy to sit back, confident that neither Egypt nor the U.S. can abandon a negotiating process in which they have invested so much. Moreover, as it tightens its control over the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Mr. Begin seems assured that U.S. electoral considerations will preclude any pressure from Washington for Israeli concessions. His government's attitude is almost certain to become more uncompromising following the resignation of Mr. Ezer Weizman, the defence minister.

Mr. Weizman was opposed to the Likud-led coalition's more extreme and controversial measures on the West Bank. In itself the resignation of the Israeli leader who had built up the closest rapport with Mr. Sadat and his probable replacement by a hard-liner will be a blow to the prospects for the autonomy talks. At the same time, it will further weaken a divided, unpopular government, increasing the chances of elections before the end of the year for which Mr. Weizman has publicly called.

Both Mr. Sadat and Mr. Carter may secretly wish for the early return to power of a more moderate and flexible Labour-led government in Israel, which is more likely to negotiate a satisfactory form of Palestinian autonomy. That must be true also of West European governments. Notwithstanding the request to them by Mr. Edmund Muskie, the U.S. secretary of state, to refrain from any action likely to harm the Camp David process, they must consider what they can do to keep the Palestinian issue alive and what other possible framework might bring about a comprehensive peace settlement.

At this point sponsorship of a U.N. Security Council resolution amending, or supplementing, 242, to take into account specifically Palestinian political rights or self-determination, would be unwise because of the risks of an American veto at a time when Western solidarity is at a premium. An explicit statement by the leaders of the Nine when they meet in Venice next month would do no harm even if they are unlikely to influence Israel.

Dr. Kurt Waldheim, the U.N. secretary-general, is one who believes a new vehicle will be necessary and that the West Europeans will have a role to play in it. No one should belittle the achievement constituted by last year's peace treaty. But Mr. Carter must surely be forced, sooner or later, to recognise that the related Camp David accords are insufficient and that the negotiating structure provided by them is too narrow to bring about a comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace settlement.

AMMAN, May 29 (JNA) — The visiting British parliamentary delegation left here today at the end of a one-week stay in Jordan saying the world should help the Palestinians achieve statehood.

The spokesman for the group Conservative MP Robert Adley, said in a departure statement that the delegation will return to Britain determined to urge the British government to give priority to Middle East issues. He said the delegation believes that Britain has a special relationship with Jordan.

He read a five-point statement on behalf of the group:

— the Middle East crisis is a serious threat to world peace.

even more dangerous than the Afghanisthan issue. The members of the group feel it is their duty to drive this point home to their government and people.

— a Western European initiative is necessary and urgent. The group members believe the U.S. is not looked upon in the Middle East as a satisfactory peace broker.

— if the U.S. will not support a European initiative, the Europeans should not give up their duty they should not leave it up to the U.S. to foster a Western peace initiative alone.

— peace must not be subordinated to the dictates of the U.S. presidential elections. Peace

efforts must not be frozen.

— since 1948 several peoples have achieved statehood and the Palestinians have the right to expect from the world community to provide the conditions needed for the creation of their state. The members of the group pledged to work for this end, not for its sake alone but also for the safety of the human race.

During the visit delegation members met with His Majesty King Hussein, His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, and the Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament, Mr. Bahjat Talhoumi.

Security Council to meet on Jerusalem

UNITED NATIONS, May 29 (AP) — The 40-member U.N. Islamic group yesterday asked for an immediate meeting of the U.N. Security Council to consider the serious and dangerous implications of Israeli moves to declare all Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

Mr. Shamshad Ahmad, acting chief delegate of Pakistan, made the request in a letter to Mr. Ide Oumarou of Niger, Security Council president for May, within hours after the group agreed privately to seek council action.

The agreement followed a decision of the 11th Islamic foreign ministers' conference, meeting in Islamabad, Pakistan, May 17-21, to resort to the council.

Mr. Zuhdi Labib Terzi, the Palestine Liberation Organization's U.N. observer, told reporters Bangladesh, Niger and Tunisia, the council's Muslim members, would start consulting others Monday on when to hold the meeting. He said he expected it before the end of next week.

Another Arab, speaking privately, expressed the belief that the meeting might be delayed even longer to accommodate western delegations, which did not want to see the United States pushed into another election-time veto, and also the Soviet Union, which was afraid somebody would bring up its Afghan intervention.

Israel has treated Jerusalem as its capital since it occupied East Jerusalem in 1967.

But the government has moved recently to make this fait accompli law. On May 13, in the Knesset, Interior Minister Yosef Burg put the government on record in support of a bill sponsored by two opposition members to declare Jerusalem Israel's capital.

The Islamabad conference, using the Arabic name for "holy Jerusalem," agreed "to consider the decision by the Israeli enemy to annex Al Quds Al Sharif and make it the capital of the loathsome, racist and Zionist entity null and void."

The conference resolved to call on the Security Council "to immediately convene in order to examine the dangers of this decision, to declare its annulment, and to impose the sanctions stipulated in chapter seven of the charter of the United Nations, on the Israeli enemy."

The Pakistani letter only asked for an immediate council meeting "to consider the serious and dangerous implications of the above-mentioned Israeli moves and their consequences on the endeavours for achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations."

Long-time Hebron mayor dies

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 29 (Agencies) — Sheikh Mohammad Ali Al Ja'bri, for many years the mayor of Hebron in the Israeli-occupied West Bank died today at the age of 84, Israeli radio reported.



Sheikh Ja'bri was Hebron's mayor from 1940, when Palestine was ruled by the British mandatory power, until 1976, when a Palestinian nationalist slate ousted his more traditional municipal council. He was paralysed by a stroke soon afterwards. In the 1972 election he had run unopposed, so firm was his control of Hebron's politics.

Sheikh Ja'bri's successor, Mayor Fahd Qawasm, was one of the three Hebron-area leaders exiled by Israel recently.

LETTER FROM NEW YORK

'How we hold our tongues..'

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are some impressions by Jordan Times correspondent Tara Bradford of the visit to New York last week by the three West Bank leaders expelled by the Israelis at the beginning of May.

By Tara Bradford

"I WANT our distinguished guests to know that we're behind them, working silently, working energetically and conscientiously for their cause, and I sincerely hope that in my lifetime we will see justice arrive for these beautiful people."

So spoke Mr. Ansbert Skina, an American businessman and former president of the U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, at a luncheon at the World Trade Center honouring Mayors Fahd Qawasm of Hebron and Mohammad Milhem of Halhoul and Hebron religious leader Sheikh Rajab Tamimi.

The remark was typical of the moving and enthusiastic response which the three leaders generated during an 11-day visit to New York.

The high point was undoubtedly their appearance before the United Nations Security Council on May 20. Mayors Qawasm and Milhem both addressed the council, as a full house of delegates listened intently to their every word.

Probably the most dramatic moment came when Mr. Qawasm placed over his head one of the green canvas hoods which the Israelis had forced them to wear as they were being hustled out of the occupied West Bank by helicopter in the early morning of May 2. For what seemed like a very long moment, as the Hebron mayor sat silently hooded, the only sound to be heard in the council chamber was the frantic clicking of news cameras recording the solemn event.

Indeed, the electrically-charged atmosphere surrounding the notables' appearance in the chamber more than once forced normally jaded diplomats to exercise restraint to keep from bursting into applause. And at every other function at which the three appeared, their speeches were met with standing ovations.

At the U.N., the word diplomacy is usually equated with cautious discretion. Yet, after the leaders' visit to the Security Council, many delegates were quite willing to discuss their reactions — albeit anonymously.

Remarkable one French delegate: "Here were these simple, unsophisticated men — not 'terrorists' or anything — sitting there telling their stories. It was very effective and very moving."

A Zambian delegate said he "abhorred" the Israeli treatment of West Bank Palestinians and particularly the move to annex Jerusalem.

"I am just appalled that these men have been through so many painful experiences," added a European diplomat. "I suppose they represent the epitome of the modern-day hero. They have the courage of their convictions."

Still another European delegate said it was "a refreshing change to hear the simply honest truth, rather than all this political double-talk with which we're besieged daily. Suddenly these men have been thrust into the international limelight and they seem to be handling the pressure very well."

"The President wants to be re-elected, so to hell with peace in the Middle East and to hell with American interests. This is selfishness."

— Mayor Milhem

"We cannot allow a very dangerous situation to develop in the Middle East while the U.S. is electing a president."

— British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington

Several Western diplomats at the U.N. echoed those sentiments. "Damn the Americans and their election year!" said one representative. "These people need help now!" Added another European delegate: "Personally, I wish my delegation would work harder to help them (the Palestinians). They are obviously getting the rough end of the deal."

"The Israelis think by deporting others the way will be permanent autonomy. Autonomy is no peace and we reject autonomy in David umbrella."

A Western delegate commented men have made it clear to all of us onomy talks will never succeed, unfair to the Palestinians, and must help to find an alternative.

At the luncheon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, one influential businessman said he "finally under Egyptian-Israeli autonomy talks at the Palestinians."

Mr. Mohammad Baghal, the executive-director of the Chamber people embody not only the aspirations of the Arab people from Morocco.

One Western diplomat who attended the functions honouring the three men "I am just sick that we've let Israel We must take effective action now people. This suffering cannot be all any longer."

ONE OF the groups which honour West Bank deportees with a luncheon stay in New York was the local chapter National Council of Churches.

Earlier this month, the Council's governing board met in Indianapolis round of a comprehensive review of policy. Composed of delegates from and Orthodox groups, the board is the new policy at its next meeting.

If adopted, the policy would call for new peace initiative" by the United States, which would include:

— Engaging in a dialogue with the creation Organisation;

— Public recognition by Israel national rights, in conjunction with that Israel will cease establishment in the occupied West Bank and Gaza; — Recognition by Palestinians and the entire world community right to self-determination as a Jew secure and defined borders"; — A public commitment by the PLC actions of violence and to renounce the existence of Israel."

The three Palestinian leaders seemed pleased with their New York stay. "I am satisfied," Mayor Milhem said. "The three of us have effort to meet and talk with representatives of the Jewish community that from the reactions in different many of whom sent us compliments talk with us and meet us, and become encouraging atmosphere, we must mission in the United States."

Mayor Qawasm told the Jordan Times (the Americans) understand our feel trying to be sensitive. The American really with us, but, as you know, it is not speak to small parties. We want to have to have all the American people be Israelis have done in the occupied territories."

Sheikh Tamimi told us he was "excited and with the willingness of the people to listen to all aspects of the problem and to the facts about their Perhaps most surprising of all the visit came from a Western diplomat vehemently outspoken against the admitted that he was "so shaken."

AMMAN'S Security Council speech the only quote a passage of poetry by St. Yevgeny Yevtushenko:

When I look around dismay
And see the way some poet
Shame scorches my cheeks
Like the back of a flautin.
How... we hold our tongues

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The mirage which appeared to the Camp David partners has vanished — for it was a fabrication by the western media, which misinterpreted the statement made by Saudi Crown Prince Fahd to the Washington Post.

Naturally Mr. Menachem Begin was the first to try to cash in on the situation by sarcastically inviting Prince Fahd to speak before the Knesset as President Sadat had done. Western circles released the provocative tone of this invitation and described it as "surrealistic" or "absurd."

The Saudi Crown Prince cleared the air by announcing that Saudi Arabia's position is consistent and resolute and is based on the unified Arab stand. There is no Saudi initiative outside the framework of that position. Thus he has slammed the door in the face of those with sick and overactive imaginations and frustrated their hopes of new partners joining the Camp David process.

AL DUSTOUR: It was not unexpected that the Camp David parties should resort to sowing seeds of suspicion in order to undermine the unity of Arab ranks by misrepresenting Saudi Arabia's position.

Jordan has already been subjected to a slanderous campaign meant to distort its true position. The media in both Tel Aviv and Cairo sang the same tune about Jordan's willingness to join the Camp David process. But Jordan, whose stand emanates from Arab unanimity, has foiled this ploy. This country remains faithful to its commitments.

Now the three Camp David partners are bringing the same worn out weapon to bear on Saudi Arabia to create suspicions regarding its position.

The rabid plotting and distortion of positions has resurfaced the hope of rescuing the Camp David parties from their isolation. The Arabs undoubtedly are advocates of peace, not submission. Every Arab voice that has been raised in the call for peace and the restoration of usurped rights has emanated from the Arab summits in Baghdad and Tunis, based on principles agreed upon by all Arab leaders.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

An exhibition of photography of Jordan is open during office hours at the French Centre.

The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Faculty of Science of the University of Jordan (Department of Physics), presents an exhibition entitled "The Utilisation of Solar Energy: A task for the Future." Open from 10 a.m. at the institute.

The Fine Arts Centre of the Department of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of drawings, paintings, sculpture, ceramics and prints at the ministry's art gallery in Shmeisani. Visiting hours are 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m.

The British Council presents an exhibition entitled "British Architecture of Arts and Leisure." Photographs and plans with seventeen contemporary examples will be on display.

Academic Fair

Projects in the arts and sciences, nursery school through 10th grade, are being displayed at an academic fair at the American Community School's multi-purpose room, near the Royal Automobile Club at the Fifth Circle, Jabal Amman. The exhibition is open to the public during school hours.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, May 29 (JT) — Non-Jordanian nationals' remittances from Jordan to their home countries last year amounted to JD 24 million compared with JD 20 million in 1978, Al Ra'i news paper reported today. Quoting a source at the central bank, the paper said remittances by Jordanians working abroad also increased over the

same period. In 1978 the total remittances amounted to JD 160 million against JD 180 million in 1979, according to official figures.

AMMAN, May 29 (JT) — Iraq today made a donation of JD 50,000 to the Dar Al Diyafa home for the aged which is run by the White Bed Society. A cheque for the sum was handed to the president of the society Mrs. Hayfa Al Bashir by the Iraqi ambassador to Jordan Mr. Sabah Al Hurrani. A society spokesman said the donation will be used to complete an annex to the home and to cover the cost of catering for old people who are unable to pay for their stay. The home, originally built in 1975 at Jewideh, south of Amman includes a physiotherapy section, a counselling section, dormitories holding up to 100 beds, a large recreation room and a library. The cost of building the home was JD 445,000.

AMMAN, May 29 (JT) — A government-appointed commission will start a four month survey of public institutions, and government departments around the country on June 1, the daily Al Ra'i reported today. It said the commission will make a study of the general organisation of the different departments and their manpower requirements for the next five years. The survey is designed to gather information about the Jordanian civil service to serve later as a reference for researchers, decision makers and academic and vocational training institute. It will also help in working out the country's fiscal budget, the paper said. The commission comprises representatives from the Institute of Public Administration, the University of Jordan, the National Planning Council, the Ministry of Education, the Budget Department and the Civil Service Commission.

AMMAN, May 29 (JNA) — A 30-year old man was finally apprehended by police in Amman today after committing 15 thefts and robberies in Shmeisani, Jabal Amman and Jabal Luweibdeh. The man, identified only as 'A.S.' admitted to having entered houses through open windows when their owners were away. He said he stole mainly money and valuables. Upon searching his home, police found a large quantity of stolen property and foreign currency.

AMMAN, May 29 (JT) — A first round of talks on cultural cooperation between Jordan and Tunisia was held today. The Jordanian team was headed by Minister of Culture Mr. Taher Hikmat. The Tunisian delegation was Tunisian Minister of Information and Culture Mr. Mubazza'. At the conclusion of the talks being held at the culture and youth the two sides will sign an agreement in the Jordanian - Tunisian cultural protocol signed in 1963 man said. Mr. Fouad Al Mubazza', who arrived in Amman a three-day visit also called on the Prime Minister Sh. Hamid Sharaf. The meeting was attended by the Minister and youth and the Tunisian ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Al later visited the Minister of Information Dr. Sa'ad T. cussed Jordanian-Tunisian relations and in particular coo information services. Tomorrow Mr. Al Mubazza' to Tunisian cultural week at Sports City.

AMMAN, May 29 (JNA) — The Traffic Department has public car park at Jabal Qal'a. A department spokesman said park with a capacity of up to 10,000 cars could be used by who arrive on holiday from neighbouring Arab states and visit the West Bank. At present there are 70 parking an ferent parts of Amman, the spokesman said.

AMMAN, May 29 (JNA) — A Chinese handball team Amman today for a seven-day visit. The team will play a Jordanian national handball team and the Army team.

AMMAN, May 29 (JNA) — A spokesman for the Public Directorate said today that there were a total of 17 in Jordan over the past 24 hours. Among these, he said, there seven road accidents resulting in the injury of seven people, poisoning cases and three fires in which two people suffer.

AMMAN, May 29 (JT) — Participants at the Conference cation in a Developing Jordanian Society will meet at the Chamber of Industry on Sunday June 1 to discuss and en conference's resolutions and recommendations. The co ended in Amman on the 15th of this month.

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Jordan Weekly Calendar

(Week of May 30-June 5)

Exhibitions

CONTINUING: The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Faculty of Sciences of the Department of Physics at the University of Jordan presents an exhibition entitled "The Utilisation of Solar Energy: A Task for the Future". The exhibition, organised by the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations in Stuttgart, opens at 10 a.m. and will run through May 31.

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FRIDAY, June 2: The Jordanian Journalists' Association, in cooperation with the Arab Journalists' Union, is holding an exhibition of cartoons at the Soviet Cultural Centre. The cartoons are the work of artists of the Arab World.

FRIDAY, June 3 and WEDNESDAY, June 4: The Friends of Archaeology have organised a benefit gala performance entitled "Evening of International Entertainment", the proceeds from which will go to the American Centre of Oriental Research's fund. The performance, consisting of revue sketches,

music, dances and readings, will take place at the Haya Arts Centre at 8 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

Film

TUESDAY, June 3 and WEDNESDAY, June 4: The Goethe Institute presents a two-part film by Eberhard Fechner based on the novel by Walter Kempowski entitled "Tadeloesser & Wolff" (1975), starring Edda Seipel, Karl Lieffen, Martin Semmelroge and Gabriel Michel. The film, subtitled in English, starts at 8 p.m. Part II will be presented on Wednesday.

Tunisian Cultural Week

A Tunisian Cultural Week sponsored by the Tunisian Embassy and the Department of Culture and Arts under the patronage of the minister of culture is taking place from Friday, May 30 through Tuesday, June 3.

FRIDAY, May 30: An exhibition of manuscripts and books opens at the Palace of Culture at 5 p.m. A recital of *Muwashshat* (a post-classical form of choral singing of Arabic poetry) begins at 8 p.m., also at the Palace of Culture.

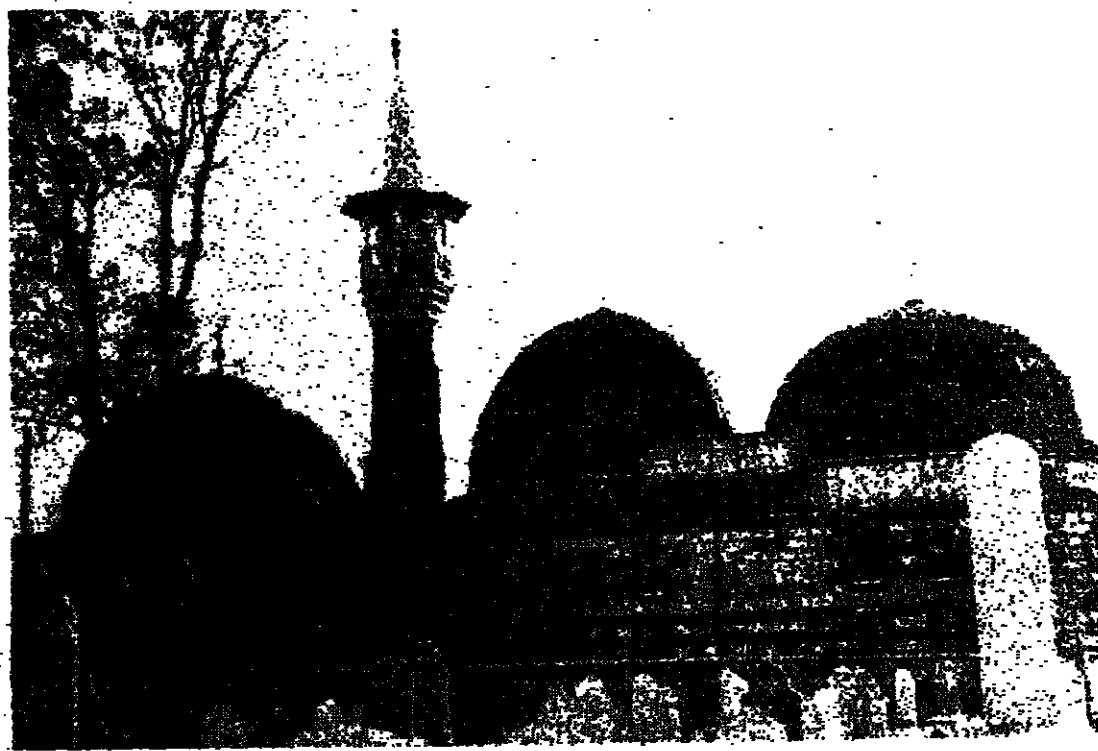
SATURDAY, May 31: The *Muwashshat* songs can be heard again at an 8 p.m. performance at the Palace of Culture.

SUNDAY, June 1: An art exhibition will be held at the National Gallery of Fine Arts in Jabal Laweideh at 5 p.m. At 8 p.m. a Tunisian film will be screened at the Department of Culture and Arts Theatre in Jabal Laweideh.

MONDAY, June 2: A play entitled "Ghazalat Al Nawader" will be presented at the Department of Culture and Arts Theatre at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, June 3: Dr. Hisham Abu Qamra will give a lecture on the "Intellectual Roots of Contemporary Tunisian Poets" at 5 p.m. at the Department of Culture and Arts Theatre.

Bab Saghir Cemetery: Damascus landmark



Green painted domes of the Tombs of Zainab, Sakineh and the son of Hussein are a landmark of Bab Saghir.

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to the benefit of interested persons, the best way to find a historical cemetery is to ask a merchant or ask a taxi driver to take them to Bab Saghir (Gate) in the southwest sector of the Old City.

where will you find? The actual site of the cemetery, the first of the caliph of Syria who ruled from 661 to 680, Bilal, the companion of the man who calls the faithful to prayer in Islam.

the tombs of the martyrs of the Battle of Karbala, which took place in 681 in Iraq.

The Battle of Karbala, a critical event in the history of Islam. The martyrs of the battle are revered by Shi'ites.

the Umayyad caliphate demanded the head of Hussein, the second son of the Prophet, and his grandson who had led an army in revolt against the Umayyad caliphate.

According to one tradition, the head of Hussein is buried in the Umayyad Mosque and three of the 16 descendants of the Prophet who died at Karbala are buried in Bab Saghir.

persons are the smaller, the Umm Kulthum, daughter of the Prophet, and sister of Hussein.

Sakineh, daughter of Hussein and great-granddaughter of the Prophet; and Abdullah Ibn Zein Al Abidin, son of Hussein. The stories are legion as to the burial place of Zainab. Some say she was buried in Cairo, Medina and other Islamic cities.

Although of great religious importance to Shi'ites, the tombs of these three are reputed to have been relatively simple burials until around 1910 when an Ottoman governor constructed a triple-domed mosque to contain them. Visitors will have no difficulty locating the mosque since the domes and minaret are painted green.

On a Friday the Damascus graveyard resembles photos of present day Iran. Women covered in black chadors chant their prayers inside the exotic green onion-domed mosque ablaze with lights from crystal chandeliers. Graffiti on the cemetery walls bear prophetic slogans. This is definitely a woman's mosque, few men are observed on the grounds.

Proceeding southwest from Bab Saghir, you will pass another green-domed tomb that houses the grave of Bilal, the black servant of Muhammad who died in Damascus. Nearby is a small marble mausoleum containing the tombs of the Damascus Azzam family built by Muhammad Fawzi Pasha Al Azem.

In the oldest sector of the graveyard you will find the tombs of Mu'awiya and Ibn Asaker (1105-1175), the famous Damascus historian.

Interspersed among the tombs and mausoleums of the famous are

poignant tombs whose small size indicate they contain children. Ornate iron grill trellises of a century ago and a myriad stone stelae marking the graves of the city's rich and not so rich which tell a tale of a remarkable city and the people who made it so.

UNESCO council condemns Israeli actions in Jerusalem

PARIS, May 29 (JNA)—The executive council of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has strongly condemned measures by the Israeli military authorities to Judaize the holy city of Jerusalem. It also condemned Israel's defiance of United Nations resolutions calling on it not to do so.

A resolution issued by the council, currently holding meetings here, referred to earlier resolutions on the subject passed by UNESCO and the U.N. calling for the safeguarding of cultural property in Jerusalem and demanding that the Israeli authorities refrain from taking any measures that would lead to a change of the character or status of the holy city.

The resolution noted with deep concern that the Israeli authorities use various pretexts in carrying out a policy aimed at obliterating the historic demographic and cultural character of the city of Jerusalem. The council recommended that these Israeli violations be discussed by the next general conference of UNESCO.

Jordan's representative at the council meetings, Dr. Khalil Al Salem, had earlier addressed the committee calling for a peaceful and just settlement to the Middle East problem, describing Jerusalem as the key to peace in the region. He said Israel's pursuance of its policies threatens world peace.

Israel aims with its current policies, he said, to empty the Arab territories of their inhabitants, it is imposing Israeli textbooks and curricula on Arab students.

Dr. Salem cited the closure of Abu Dis college and the banning of Arab books and culture among the measures taken against the Arab population. In addition, he said, Israel continues to conduct excavations under Al Aqsa Mosque in deliberate provocation of Muslim religious feelings.

TODAY'S WEATHER

The temperature will be above normal with northeasterly light to moderate winds. In Aqaba the weather will be hazy with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	17	35
Aqaba	23	41
Deserts	17	37
Jordan Valley	20	40

Agricultural officials step in to rescue farmers from losses on tomato crop

By Norah Barger

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 29—An announcement appearing in the newspapers yesterday drove the price of tomatoes up almost 50 per cent overnight.

A massive surplus of tomatoes on the market recently drove their retail price in Amman down until it hit a rockbottom 90 fils a kilogramme on Wednesday. Farmers were in many cases taking under 30 fils a kilogramme from wholesalers, an amount that did not nearly cover their costs.

With the farmers threatened with losses they could not sustain, the management of the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO), the Jordan Agricultural Marketing Association and the mainly government-owned tomato processing plant in Marka met to find a solution last Tuesday. It was agreed that the JCO and the factory would offer to buy tomatoes from farmers at 50 fils a kilogramme. Additionally, to the farmers' benefit, containers would be provided free and the produce could be turned in ungraded. Usually the farmers must grade the tomatoes himself and pick off the green stems, a time-consuming process that requires expensive labour and causes further cuts into the farmers' slim margins.

The consumer-quality tomatoes would be allotted to the JCO's newly started parallel markets and the red ones to the factory. It was announced in the papers yesterday that the decision would go into effect today. JCO director Mr. Hassan Nabulsi told the Jordan Times today: "I doubt we will have to buy a tomato. We have achieved our aim of driving the price up by the psychological effect the announcement has had."

Wholesalers, threatened with the drying up of their tomato supplies if farmers sold their production to the semi-governmental agencies, were said to be buying at over 70 fils a kilo today. The retail price of tomatoes jumped overnight from 90 to 130 fils a kilo.

"This is the first time we have stepped into the market to put a minimum price on produce," Mr. Nabulsi said. "We did it to absorb the surplus on the market." The surplus was so great, he added, that even the 2,000 tonnes of tomato exports a week had not absorbed it.

The unusual weather of the past year accounts for the current surplus. In early April, cold weather of the past year accounts for the current surplus. In early April, cold weather and rains caused plants to rot on the vine, causing a shortage that drove prices up to record highs in April. At the same

time, tomatoes planted later—a much larger percentage of the crop—had their growth retarded by the cold. The recent spell of very hot weather caused their late ripening up and down the Jordan Valley all at the same time.

A surplus in production has also hit the egg producers—who want a reverse solution: the lowering of retail price. This week they formed an association and its officials met with Mr. Nabulsi today. A shortage of eggs resulted in the Ministry of Supply raising their ceiling retail price in February. "Unfortunately," commented Mr. Nabulsi, "when prices go up here, they seldom go down."

The producers now have a surplus of eggs on their hands and while the price they get from the wholesaler has gone down, eggs retail for the same price they did in February. Thus, the consumer does not benefit from the surplus of eggs and the producers are unable to sell them in greater quantities to make up for the

lower price they are getting.

Since the surplus shows no sign of abating—15 to 20 million eggs are expected to be produced in Jordan during the coming three months—Mr. Nabulsi told the producers he would encourage the Ministry of Supply to lower retail egg prices.

"Regardless of what the ministry decides," he said, "the JCO has decided to buy eggs for its parallel markets and retail them at a lower price."

The entry of the JCO into egg retailing will have an added bonus for customers who have difficulties transporting the standard open cartons of thirty eggs or who invariably end up with a goosy mess when they buy a few eggs tucked in a paper bag. The JCO will commission the manufacture of closed cartons that take a dozen eggs each for its parallel market sales.

Meanwhile the ad hoc committee that met Tuesday to deal with the price of tomatoes has

recommended to the Ministry of Agriculture that a pricing policy be implemented to prevent further emergency situation price extremes in the marketplace. Mr. Nabulsi described such a policy as a radical and permanent solution.

"It must take into account many factors: the areas under cultivation, the rotation of crops, the need to maintain export markets as well as reasonably priced fruits and vegetables for the local market, and adequate compensation and profit to the farmer for his expenditure and efforts."

While the need for a pricing policy was clear, he said, the approach to one was not. "Should we set minimum and maximum prices on a seasonal basis or a bi-weekly one?" he asked. He recommended that a team of "open-minded" experts be appointed to study the produce put on the market each month in order to determine the final shape of a pricing policy.

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U.S. economy lags because of tax laws, lack of investment

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP) — Other industrial countries will continue to outpace American growth unless the United States changes its taxes to encourage its citizens to spend less and invest more, according to a study made public yesterday.

It concludes that the core of the problem is that other countries put more of what they earn into building new plant and equipment than the United States does. It quoted figures to show that in 1978 the United States invested only 17.6 per cent of what it produced. The figure for West Germany was 21.6 per cent and for Japan 30.5 per cent.

In the 1970s the figures tended to converge as the rate of Japanese and West German investment declined, but the U.S. rate was still below theirs, and below those of Canada with 22.6 per cent, and France (21.4), Italy (18.8) and Britain (18.1) as well.

The study called it an "interesting paradox" that although American labour increased its production more slowly in the 1970s than did labour in the other countries, the United States managed to increase its output.

It attributed the increase to the growth of the American labour force, but warned that this was due

to three cases "none of which will continue through the 1980s." These were, it said:

- The reduction of the U.S. armed forces;
- The huge increase in the number of women with jobs;
- The arrival of the post-war baby boom at working age.

It suggested that West Germany and Japan would have produced more if they had not sent \$16 billion in capital to other countries during the 1970s, when it said the United States "neither exported nor imported a significant amount of capital."

According to the latest figures from the U.S. Labour Department, output per hour in U.S. manufacturing industries increased only 1.5 per cent between 1978 and 1979, while the increase was 5.2 per cent in West Germany, 8.3 per cent in Japan and 8.7 per cent in Italy.

The study, entitled "Economic growth among industrialised countries: Why the United States lags," was prepared by Mr. Robert W. Dunn Jr., a professor at George Washington University, for the National Planning Association. The association is a private non-profit organisation in Washington.

Tax amendments proposed

The study proposed:

- Eliminating the tax on profits of corporations and substituting a tax on stockholders' earnings per share (rather than on dividends) and a tax on value added;
- Tax receipts from interest payments only on the amount that exceeds the rate of inflation;
- Cut down old age pensions to the amount that the pensioner and employer paid in during the employee's working life.

Sixteen senators introduced legislation yesterday to create new tax and credit incentives for U.S. exports. The bill would exempt U.S. trading associations from antitrust penalties, reduce taxation on Americans working abroad, strengthen the financing capacity of the U.S. Export-Import Bank, and create an agency to promote exports.

In addition, the measure aims to amend laws that prohibit Americans from bribing foreign buyers to get business. "Expansion of exports belongs at the top of our goals, along with national security," Senator Bill Roth, a sponsor of the legislation, told reporters. He said the bill "would provide the tools we so desperately need to improve our world trade

position and help us compete with some of today's major trading partners — some that we helped build."

Meanwhile, Americans filed more claims for unemployment insurance during mid-May than in any week since at least 1967, an ominous harbinger of a new surge in the nation's jobless rate, the U.S. government reported today.

The Labour Department said a seasonally adjusted record 675,000 Americans filed new claims for jobless benefits in the week ending May 17, a sharp jump from the previous high of 616,000 who filed first-time claims only the week before.

Never had so many people filed new claims in one week during the 13 years that the government has been collecting seasonally adjusted figures.

The employment report was released as Treasury Secretary G. William Miller conceded that the economy's slide into a recession has been "quite steep." He said the worst of the downturn may be over and the administration's current economic policies should stay on a "steady course."

"It seems quite probable... that the economy is already experiencing its sharpest fall during the cur-

rent quarter," Mr. Miller told the joint economic committee of Congress. The worst may be behind us."

Productivity declines

The Labour Department, revising an earlier estimate, reported that the productivity of private business during the first three months of 1980 declined for a fifth consecutive quarter, this time at an annual rate of 0.7 per cent, to mark the longest string of productivity declines since 1973-74.

The Labour Department also said privately employed workers' "real" hourly compensation — wages and fringe benefits adjusted for inflation — declined at an annual rate of 0.9 per cent during the first quarter, leaving them at the same compensation level as in late 1975. It was the ninth straight quarter that real hourly compensation has failed to rise, the longest such period in the three years the government has been measuring real compensation.

Mortgage lending in April dropped to the lowest level since the last recession five years ago, as savings withdrawals exceeded deposits by nearly \$1 billion at the nation's savings and loan associ-

ations, the Federal Home Loan Bank board reported.

Unemployment shot up from 6.2 per cent in March to a 7 per cent rate in April. Each rise of one percentage point in the unemployment rate means 1.04 million more Americans are out of work.

Officially, the administration predicts unemployment will level off at just under a 7½ per cent rate by next year. Privately, however, some economists expect the rate to hit 8 per cent or even approach the 9 per cent peak reached during the 1974-75 recession.

Private business productivity, which measures how efficiently machines and people produce goods and services during one hour of paid working time, declined 1.2 per cent during the 12 months ending in March, a trend that has mystified economists. Only twice since the government began measuring productivity in 1947 has the rate actually declined for a full year.

A decline in productivity contributes to inflation because rising wage rates cannot be offset by increased output per hour. As a result, unit labour costs go up and producers pass along their added expenses to consumers in the form of higher retail prices.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, May 29 (R) — Following are the buying rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion market.

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	1.9475/90	Dutch gld
	1.6525/40	Swiss fr.
	28.39/42	Belgian fr.
	4.1340/60	French fr.
	834.00/50	Italian lire
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	4.8555/65	Norwegian
	5.5305/15	Danish cr.
One ounce of gold	519.00/520.00	U.S. dollar

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, May 29 (AP) — The London stock exchange today, British government securities weakened as the pound eased in relation to the dollar. Short dates shed.

Among companies reporting figures today, Con Broom gained 3p and 6p respectively. Among 10 trials, ICL gained 3p after figures and Racal added 5p. lost a penny while GEC were unchanged on balance. Borthwick shed 6p to 37 after announcing a pre tax. Speculative demand pushed Lasso up 20p among lower oils while Gold shares eased amidst nervousness in South Africa.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early part of the day is excellent for thinking out an expansive plan that could bring you added income in the days ahead. Follow up with secondary plans to gain your aims.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Go after your goals in a positive manner and don't let delays discourage you. Show that you can overcome obstacles.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make sure you handle business matters well though it may take longer than you thought. Persevere and get good results.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) State your aims more clearly to associates and you get fine cooperation from them. Take no risks in motion.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Get an early start on some vital work and clear up a problem that has been bugging you. Take health treatments.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A financial matter has you worried early in the day, but a closer look later finds you with more money than you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A fine time to make long-range plans for future operations. Work at a measured pace. Show that you have wisdom.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are able to work well with others who have the same mutual interests. Contact persons who can help you get ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are now able to see practical matters in a clear light, so carry through with them and accomplish a great deal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Gain the cooperation of associates and get along better in the future. Be more willing to do your share of work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make sure to get private plans working successfully by serious application to them. Stop worrying so much.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Your social life can improve by making the right plans. Come to a better accord with the one you love.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Get busy attending to outside tasks early in the day since you could have interruptions later. Think constructively.

JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Baseball roundup

NEW YORK, May 29 (AP)—Dwayne Murphy and Wayne Gross scored on double steals in a wild first inning as the Oakland A's stole seven bases today in a 6-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

The Royals took a 2-0 lead by opening the game with singles by Willie Wilson, Frank White, George Brett and Darrell Porter. But the A's gave pitcher Rick Langford the chance to make it good by scoring four runs at the bottom of the first.

Kansas City starter Rich Gale retired the first batter he faced but got only one more out in the inning. The A's had only three hits, all singles but there were two Kansas City errors and two wild pitches besides the two double steals.

The A's scored two more runs in the second inning off reliever Arny Pardin, with Gross and Tony Armas getting RBI singles. The Royals scored their first in the fifth when Wilson doubled and moved around on two groundouts.

In National League play, John Stearns drilled a two-run single and Elliott Maddox's bases-loaded double drove in three more runs in a six-run eighth inning rally that carried the New York Mets to a 6-5 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Mets sent 11 batters to the plate during their big inning, climaxing the rally while rookie Jose Moreno delivered a single to count for the winning run.

The game between the Montreal Expos and Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field was suspended by darkness, caused by an oncoming thunderstorm, after 10 innings with the score tied at 3-3. The darkness at the only major league park without lights made play difficult in the umpire's opinion, and about 20 minutes after they had suspended the game, the area was drenched by a downpour.

In National League night action, Mike Schmidt rocked a two-run homer and Jake McBride accounted for two more RBI's with a single and a double as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-3 and bounced back into first place in the National League East by four percentage points.

Nolan Ryan pitched a masterful no-hitter to lead the Houston Astros to a 1-0 victory over the San Diego Padres. Ryan, who at one point retired 12 straight batters, struck out seven and walked five on the way to his third victory of the season against four losses.

Chris Chambliss drilled a 12th-inning run-scoring single to snap a tie and give the Atlanta Braves a 3-2 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

In the American League, Robin Yount and Cecil Cooper knocked in two runs apiece in a five-run Milwaukee fourth inning, while Bill Travers and Reggie Cleveland teamed to pitch a three-hitter as the Brewers defeated the Seattle Mariners 1-0.

Joe Charboneau, Jorge Orta and Jerry Dybzinski drove in two runs apiece during an eight-run Cleveland uprising in the fifth inning as the Indians defeated the Baltimore Orioles 10-6.

Dave Stegman slammed a two-run homer and Tim Corcoran knocked in two more runs as the Detroit Tigers defeated the New York Yankees 6-3.

Garth Iorg capped a four-run second inning by scoring on the front of a double steal with Alfredo Griffin and the Toronto Blue Jays went on to a 4-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Dan Goodwin's two-run pinch-hit single in the seventh sparked Minnesota to a 6-4 victory over Chicago.

On the West coast, pinch-hitter Jason Thompson, acquired in a trade from Detroit on Tuesday, slammed a three-run double with one out in the bottom of the eighth inning to lead the California Angels to a 7-6 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Padukone advances to tennis quarter finals

JAKARTA, May 29 (R)—All-England badminton champion Prakash Padukone of India was in devastating form when he beat Steen Fladberg of Denmark 15-11 15-5 in the world championships here today.

Padukone's victory took him into the quarterfinals of the men's singles where he was joined by England's Ray Stevens, who beat Roy Diaz Gonzales of Mexico, conqueror of defending champion Flemming Delfs of Denmark in the previous round.

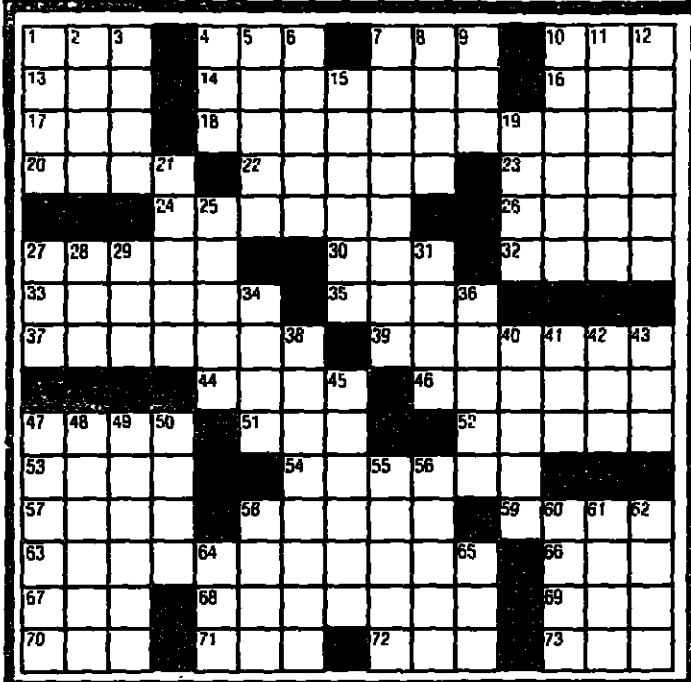
Gonzales' brilliant play of Tuesday night deserted him as he went out 15-6 15-0. Denmark's Lene Koppen took another step in defence of her title with an 11-2 11-6 third round victory over Jane Webster of England. But Canada's Wendy Carter had a much tougher battle against Chen Yuk-jen of Taiwan before emerging the victor 11-12 11-4 12-10.

THE Daily Crossword by Arnold Moss

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WEST
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SOUTH
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♣ Q62

The bidding:
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Pass Pass 3 ♠ 3 ♠
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Four of ♣.

It is easy to set up a long suit when you have most of the high cards in that suit. But when you are missing the top cards, you may overlook the possibilities that exist for developing long-card tricks. Here is a case in point.

We like North's decision to enter the auction immediately with a takeout double—he wanted to locate a major-suit fit. His partner encouraged by jumping in spades, but North had nothing in reserve. East now emerged from the bushes with a competitive bid of three clubs, which pushed South to a

delicate contract at the three-level.

Since he did not want to help declarer by leading away from a tenace, West made a sound choice when he attacked with a trump.

Declarer went about the play in a slipshod manner. He won the ace of trumps and led ace of clubs and a club to the queen, losing to the king.

West continued another trump. Declarer won in dummy, conceded a heart and ruffed the heart return.

After ruffing a club on the table, he exited with a heart, discarding a diamond from his hand. He hoped that West would have to win the third heart and eventually lead a diamond up to the king, or that East would have the ace of diamonds. Neither eventually materialized, so declarer ended up down one.

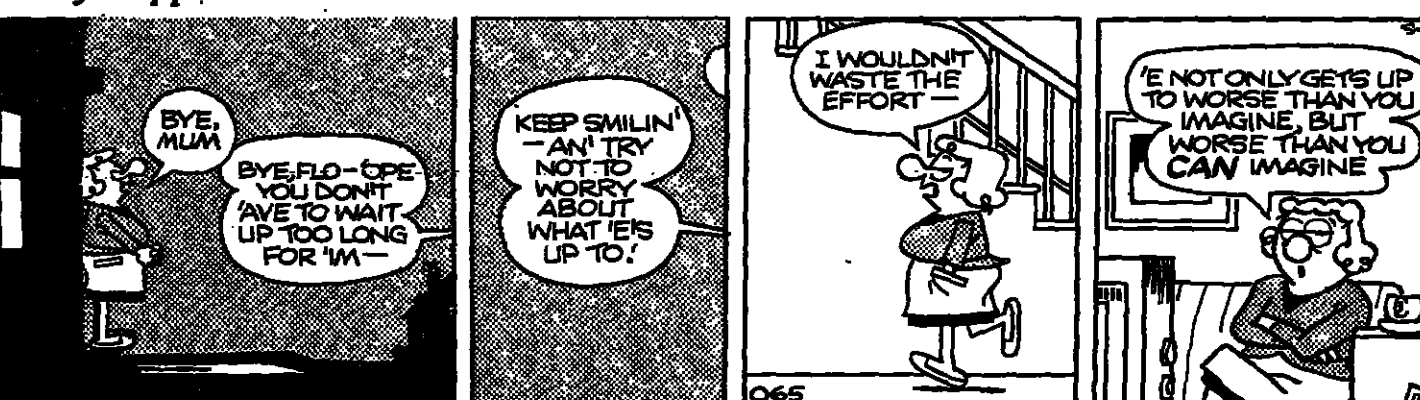
Better timing would have allowed declarer to fulfill his contract at no risk whatsoever. After winning the first trump in his hand, declarer should immediately concede a heart. East wins and continues a second trump, but declarer is in control. He wins in dummy, ruffs a heart, leads the ace of clubs and ruffs another heart. When both defenders follow, all is well.

Declarer concedes a club trick. No matter what the defenders do, they can only get two more tricks in diamonds. There are still two trumps in dummy available to establish and cash the fifth heart.

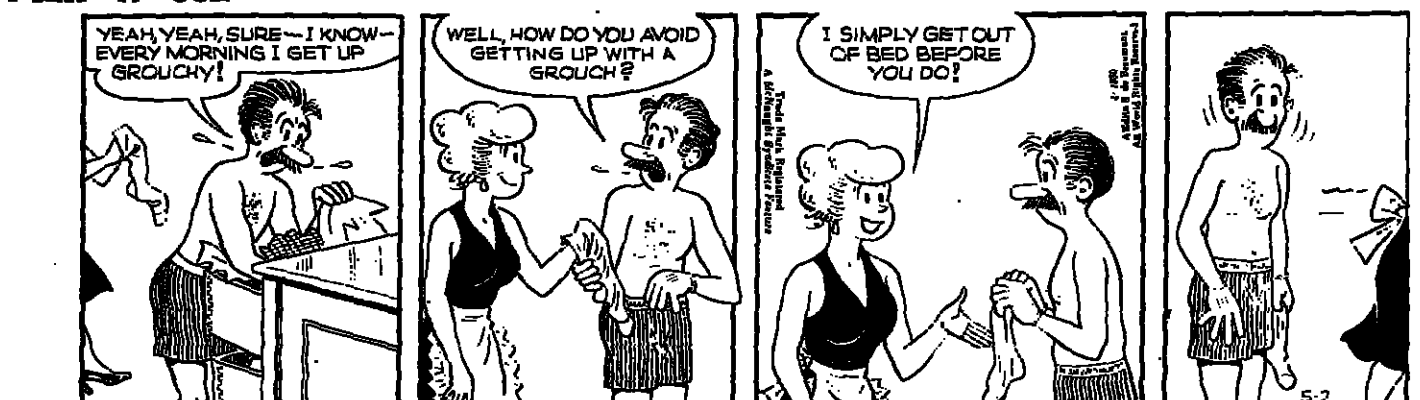
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On economic cooperation, Asian conflicts

Hua, Ohira issue joint statement

TOKYO, May 29 (Agencies) -- Chinese Prime Minister Hua Guofeng and Japanese Premier Masayoshi Ohira today issued a joint communique expressing concern over developments in Asia and the Middle East since last December -- taken as a reference to the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

The communique, issued after talks between the two men, said they had expressed concern particularly over developments in the Pacific region and on the Middle East conflict, "and tension in these regions, which are threatening the peace and stability of the world."

The communique added they agreed the problems should be resolved at once in accordance with various United Nations rules. The bulk of the communique concerned future Sino-Japanese cooperation despite differences in the two nations' social and political systems.

The visiting Chinese leader, it said, "reaffirmed that China wishes to strengthen economic cooperation with Japan and other countries in order to promote, on the basis of self-reliance, its economic development in accordance with the principle of equality and mutual benefit as well as

the principle of complementarity."

The two leaders, it continued, agreed it was desirable to expand their cooperation, including the joint development of oil in China's Bohai Bay as well as coal.

Meanwhile, Mr. Hua said today that North Korea "has not the slightest desire to interfere" in politically-unsettled South Korea. Mr. Hua told a press conference here: "Unless South Korea starts a war as a diversion, there is no chance they (North Korea) will intervene."

The Chinese leader said he based his belief on "intelligence" that China had received, and he dismissed as unfounded speculation in South Korea that North Korea would take advantage of the unsettled political situation in Seoul to move across the demilitarised zone.

Mr. Hua denounced what he called the military dictatorship in

Seoul and the reversal from democracy, which "are at odds with the aspirations of the Korean people."

He said he had been watching the recent uprising in the South Korean city of Kwangju on Japanese television and that the imposition of martial law and the arrest of "many democratic figures," including political opposition leader Kim Dae-jung had contributed to increased instability on the Korean peninsula.

The Chinese leader said he had recently called on the United States to withdraw its 39,000 troops from South Korea, adding that "for a nation to be artificially divided... is a situation that sooner or later must be resolved."

He said that China supported negotiations between North and South Korea to settle their differences through peaceful means.

North Korea today hailed the rebellion in the South Korean city

of Kwangju as "an historic event of particular significance in the struggle of the oppressed people for freedom and democracy."

It also accused the United States of encouraging Gen. Chun Doo-hwan, the commander of national defence security, and his supporters.

The North Korean remarks were contained in an editorial of *Rodong Yimnun*, the organ of the central committee of the Korean Workers' (Communist) Party. The editorial said: "Though among the rioters nearly 1,000 were killed, more than 10,000 wounded and upwards of 2,000 students and citizens arrested, the residents of Kwangju gallantly fought against the overwhelmingly superior fascist forces, with a heroic determination not to live as slaves of the 'Shushin' dictatorship even if they may die."

The editorial was broadcast by the official Korean Central News Agency and monitored in Tokyo.

Describing Gen. Chun as a "heinous butcher," the editorial said he is again turning South Korea "into a dark land under the sway of fascist terror enforcing a new military fascist dictatorship without Pak Jung Hi Chun Du Hwan (late President Park Chung-hee)."

"This time, too, the United States intervened in the South Korean situation and encouraged the Chun Du Hwan (Chun Doo-hwan) clique, thereby disclosing once again its true colour as a strangler of human rights, a foe of democracy," the paper said.

Australian athletes firm decision to go to Moscow

SYDNEY, May 29 (R) -- Australia's athletes stood by their decision to go to the Moscow Summer Olympics today, but the slow disintegration of the Australian squad continued.

The Australian Amateur Athletic Union was "still of the same mind. Our decision has not

U.S. black leader wounded by gunman

FORT WAYNE, Indiana, May 29 (R) -- Civil rights leader Vernon Jordan was critically ill in hospital here with severe internal injuries after being shot in the back early today. Police said they had not yet established if there was a racial motive for the shooting of Mr. Jordan, the 44-year-old executive director of the National Urban League. Mr. Jordan underwent four hours of surgery this morning and doctors said he had lost a lot of blood.



Police said that after Mr. Jordan gave a speech at the suburban Marriott Inn he left with a local league member,

Miss Martha Coleman, who later dropped him back at the hotel. Shortly after he got out of her car she heard shots and she found him lying in a pool of blood.

Assam state unrest continues as Indian political groups clash

NEW DELHI, May 29 (Agencies) -- Military units patrolled several parts of India's troubled northeastern state of Assam today and a round-the-clock curfew in eleven towns continued, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

An estimated 131 persons have been killed and thousands have been injured in the nine-month student-led movement demanding the expulsion of millions of minority settlers from neighbouring Bangladesh.

The latest outbreak of violence followed counter-agitation this week by minority settlers against the expulsion campaign. UNI, reporting from Gauhati, Assam's largest city, said police opened fire yesterday evening in a village near curfew-bound Bongaigaon town following a fight between mobs from the two communities.

First reports from the area did not indicate if there were any casualties. All offices in the state remained closed for the ninth day today as part of the "non-cooperation" action launched by the student leaders in the state.

Two people were killed and eight injured in violent clashes between rival political groups yesterday as voting began to elect new assemblies in nine of India's 22 states.

The two were killed in Mawpuri district of the northern Uttar Pradesh state, where supporters of the nationally ruling Congress (I) party and the opposition Janata party clashed, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said.

Shooting incidents and violence were also reported from other parts of Uttar Pradesh. At least nine people, including five candidates, have died in the election campaign.

Pakistani party chief arrested

KARACHI, May 29 (AP) -- Retired marshal Asghar Khan, president of the defunct Tehrik Istiqlal Party, was arrested here this afternoon and taken by air to Peshawar city in the Northwest Frontier Province.

Asghar Khan delivered a speech to local lawyers yesterday at Hyderabad city in Sind Province, about 120 kilometres northeast of Karachi, criticising the restrictions imposed on political leaders by the martial law authorities.

Last month, the Peshawar police had registered a case against the Tehrik chief for delivering a speech criticising the ban on public speeches.

Since he was released from detention last month, Asghar Khan has been disregarding martial laws and urging Pakistanis to start a movement for the restoration of democracy.

In his speeches he also said the martial law regime had "usurped the power in Pakistan and had no legal authority to remain in power."

World New Briefs

WASHINGTON, May 29 (R) -- President Carter has acceded to the Vatican, Yugoslavia, Spain and Portugal, the White House announced yesterday. The visits immediately before and after the previously scheduled summit meeting of the seven major industrial nations in June 22 and 23.

SALISBURY, May 29 (AP) -- Several hundred black workers demonstrated in Salisbury's main park against police move illegal vending in the capital's townships. The women, some paraded outside parliament yesterday complaining of harassment and demanding that the police be replaced by a force, cheered speakers who denounced the white force. Supporters of socialist Prime Minister Robert Mugabe demanded that the police force be inherited by a replaced service based on Yugoslav-trained former guerrillas.

LUSAKA, Zambia, May 29 (AP) -- A landmine left over from Rhodesian war was detonated by a passing truck near St. Albans, killing 13 people and injuring two others today. Mr. Christopher Mhangochi, police public relations officer, said all those killed were Zambian employees of Agip, a mineral and oil company which is prospecting for uranium. "The 15 were travelling along Lichanga Road, 48 km from Savonga town, when their vehicle hit a landmine Mhangochi said. "Thirteen died on the spot while two were injured."

MANILA, May 29 (R) -- Twelve refugees from Vietnam were up from an eight-metre wooden boat in the South China Sea. An Algerian merchant ship today after being spotted by a U.S. Navy patrol plane. A U.S. Navy spokesman at the Subic Bay northwest of Manila said the Algerian-registered *Distris* was carrying 12 Vietnamese refugees. U.S. Navy planes have located nine refugee boats in 11 days, the spokesman added.

PALERMO, Sicily, May 29 (AP) -- A strong quake jolted the southern tip of the Italian peninsula last night sending thousands of residents outdoors, but causing no damage or injuries, as reported today. They said the quake, measuring between five degrees on the Richter scale, struck at 9:54 p.m. (1954) was felt in a vast area of Sicily and at Reggio Calabria, in the boot-shaped Italian peninsula.

BANGKOK, May 29 (AP) -- A fire swept through Bangkok's poor district today, leaving thousands of people homeless, it said. Eyewitnesses said they thought they saw several burned alive during the two-hour blaze in the Klong Toey but police said no one was killed. Police said their initial investigation indicated the fire began accidentally.

TOKYO, May 29 (AP) -- The Iranian government has said that Japanese citizens travelling to Iran will be required to obtain a visa starting June 4, the Foreign Ministry announced. Iranian action came in apparent response to a similar measure imposed on Iranian travel to Japan as part of a series of measures designed to force Iran to release 53 American hostages held since Nov. 4. Japan will require that all Iranian travellers except businessmen must have a visa after June 4.

OFFENBURG, West Germany, May 29 (R) -- Nine people were killed when fire swept through a hospital in the nearby Archen, police in Offenbach said today. They said some 200 were transferred to other hospitals in the area and firemen were searching through the debris for other possible victims. The fire began in a cellar and spread quickly through lift shafts. Most of the dead were elderly patients, police said.

BERLIN, May 29 (AP) -- More than 60,000 Afghan families returned to their homes in recent months under an amnesty offer by the Soviet-backed regime in Kabul, East Germany's official agency reported today. In a dispatch from Kabul, the agency's returns included some 11,000 "refugee families" and over 100,000 "families of nomads" who had fled the central Asian country.

BONN, May 29 (AP) -- The South African government has set an earlier decision and will allow a black human rights activist to travel here for a cultural seminar. West German officials said Officials said Mr. Neville Alexander was expected to arrive tomorrow morning in time for the final session of the seminar. At Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and poet Leopold Sedur Senghor speak.

LONDON, May 29 (AP) -- London police are holding 16 including a post office security agent, in connection with the theft of 11.7 million in jewels and cash taken in a series of burglaries over the past two years, a Scotland Yard spokesman today. The spokesman said a hoard of burglary equipment was in raids by officers, but none of the stolen valuables had been recovered. He did not say when the raid took place.

S. Africa police kill 2 students

CAPE TOWN, May 29 (AP) -- Attendance at schools in the Cape peninsula dropped considerably today after the shooting deaths of two mixed-race pupils in clashes with police, authorities said.

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Obote says he may not run in Uganda elections

KAMPALA, Uganda, May 29 (AP) -- Former President Mr. Milton Obote and his Uganda People's Congress Party (UPC) will not participate in elections this year if the voting is not free and fair.

The government-run daily, *Uganda Times*, quoted Mr. Obote today as telling reporters in Bushenyi, southern Uganda, that he was preparing for the elections and, meanwhile, favoured continuation of the Uganda National Liberation Front. The front is a coalition of more than 20 parties formed in exile in 1979 to govern Uganda after the overthrow of dictator Idi Amin.

But the newspaper said Mr. Obote complained that the front locked out his party and the conservative, Roman Catholic-based Democratic Party, Uganda's two largest political organisations.

Mr. Obote, overthrown by Amin in 1971, returned from exile Tuesday, less than three weeks after a military coup by his supporters. The new military rulers lifted a Liberation Front ban on political party activity, a move favourable to the well-organised UPC.

Mr. Obote is regarded as the favourite in the presidential elections, which would be Uganda's first national balloting in 18 years.

organised the six-week-old boycott of classes to protest inferior education, appealed to youngsters late yesterday to refrain from violence and to "avoid any direct confrontation with the police."

Police Minister Louis Le Grange confirmed that police opened fire yesterday afternoon to disperse pupils stoning cars driven by whites in the Elsie River township near here. Two youths were killed and three persons injured, he said.

However, spectators later said one of the dead and one of the injured were innocent elderly bystanders.

Residents of Elsie River who witnessed the shootings said riot police, using only batons, dispersed the students several times, but added that, each time, the students regrouped and again threw stones.

After a series of confrontations lasting several hours, a blue Volkswagen bus, apparently driven by a plainclothes policeman with a second man by his side, passed the first group of students and also was pelted.

Residents said as the van drew closer to the thickest part of the gathering, two policemen in camouflage, who had been lying down in the back of the vehicle, stood up and started firing through open windows.

"I have never seen such brutality," said Mr. Jan McIntjies, who watched the events from his house adjacent to the vacant lot where the students gathered.

"When the shots were fired, the crowd dispersed and then I saw four people lying down in the road," he said.

The deaths were the first reported in more than five weeks of clashes between the authorities and mixed-race youngsters.

Brig. J. F. Roussouw, divisional commissioner for the western Cape, today described the situation in troubled areas as "tense."

The South African Press Association (SAPA) reported that police were out in greater number at mixed-race and Indian schools in the Johannesburg area where the nationwide boycotts continued. The number of demonstrators at the schools was lower, however, as parents kept their children at home, SAPA said.

Local newspapers have estimated the total arrests since the start of the boycott in Cape Town at about 1,500 people, including children, clergymen, community leaders and teachers. Most were released after being charged under the Riotous Assemblies Act.

Red Cross agrees to up Thai-Kampuchea relief

BANGKOK, May 29 (R) -- The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has agreed to send more seed, food and agricultural equipment across the Thai border into Kampuchea, an ICRC spokesman said today.

The decision, taken during the two-day Geneva Conference on Humanitarian Aid to Kampuchea that ended last Tuesday, was seen as a major policy shift.

The spokesman said that rice rations handed out to Kampuchean refugees arriving at the Thai frontier seeking food were increased yesterday at one distribution point, with each person receiving 30 kilograms of rice instead of the previous 20 kilograms. He said rations would be increased at other distribution points as soon as enough trucks were found to ferry the rice to the border.

In addition, the ICRC had agreed to send in by road next month a further 3,000 tons of rice seed, urgently needed if Kampuchea is to produce a decent rice

crop at the end of the year. It had earlier been planned to close the seed pipeline at the border.

The spokesman said that more farm implements than originally planned would also be handed out at the distribution points.

Many western embassies in Bangkok had been highly critical of the ICRC's reluctance to give greater emphasis to the cross-border operation and its policy change was greeted with satisfaction, western diplomatic sources said.

The ICRC had earlier argued that greater emphasis on the cross-border operation could damage its relations with the Vietnamese-backed administration in Phnom Penh.

The Phnom Penh administration has opposed the border operation, describing it as a cover for resupplying guerrillas loyal to the ousted Khmer Rouge government.

Pope arrives in France today; will face problems of a church in turmoil

PARIS, May 29 (Agencies) -- More than 15,000 policemen, 20,000 boy scouts, and thousands of firemen, medical and safety personnel are being mobilised in a security operation to deal with the crush of one million people expected in Paris this weekend for the visit of Pope John Paul II.

No visit by a head of state has been the subject of such massive planning and preparations, and

officials said it even surpasses that of the 1968 Winter Olympics held in Grenoble.

Pope John Paul's visit to France, the first by a head of the Roman Catholic church in 176 years, is the sixth foreign trip he has made since his election to the throne of Peter in October 1978. However, it will be the fourth visit to France by the Polish-born former Cardinal Karol Wojtyla.

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By Richard Pyle

SEOUL -- Flanking the entrance to city hall in Seoul's main downtown square are two armoured cars, each manned by a soldier in battle dress -- stiff-backed, white gloved and motionless.

To the tens of thousands of South Koreans who pass daily through the bustling plaza, these modern-day temple lions seem permanent fixtures -- symbolising as dramatically as anything could the state of affairs in their country.

South Korea, despite a powerful current of popular sentiment in favour of democratic reform and promises by its leaders that the nation will move in that direction, appears to slip ever further away from that ideal, and into the grip of the military establishment that has ruled from behind the scenes for nearly two decades. In yet another bold move to formalise this control, the generals now have chosen to create a junta-like "ruling council" whose members would be at least half military.

Diplomatic observers say the effect of this move almost certainly will be to curtail even more drastically South Korea's move toward the true representative form of government that its leaders, both military and civilian, have pledged for years. And once the meaning sinks in, these observers say, the effect could be more demonstrations, more student protests, and more street violence

of the kind that has wracked the country in the past month, culminating in the bloody insurrection of Kwangju.

What would happen then is anybody's guess. But one lesson of Kwangju, if a reminder was needed, was that South Korea's military leaders to not long tolerate violent political dissent, and can be counted on to deal with it harshly.

Foreigners who witnessed the upheaval in South Korea's fourth largest city said they were amazed by the size of the crowds that turned out in the student-led protests -- more than 100,000 on some days -- and the fervour with which they sympathised with the rebels' cause.

"Some people worried about the bloodshed, but you couldn't find anybody who really disagreed with the students in their basic demands," said one westerner who watched several days of the uprising. "The feelings against martial law and the army seemed almost unanimous -- especially after the soldiers started beating and killing people."

If that point registered in the minds of the generals, they have given no indication of it. The first official statement following the end of the Kwangju disturbances said the incident "should serve as an occasion for all the people to reflect on their actions" to avoid a repetition.

While not yet formally announced, the general makeup of the new council -- called tentatively the "Emergency Countermeasures Council for National Defence and Security" -- is already known. It is to consist of about 25 members, with civilian

President Choi Kyu-hah as chairman.

However, sources say the real power will lie with Lt. Gen. Chun Doo-hwan, the shadowy army officer who in recent months has quietly, but with a sure hand, tightened his grip on the reins of government and eliminated, one way or another, most of his potential adversaries.

Mr. Chun, who already held considerable power as defence security commander, last month was named acting director of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency as well. It will be in the latter capacity, which many observers of Korean affairs consider the most powerful single job in the government, that Mr. Chun will sit on the council.

Informed sources say about half of the council's members will be military men, but it is noted that in addition to these, some of the civilian cabinet members named to sit on it, including recently-appointed Prime Minister Park Choong-hoon, are retired generals.

The council is to help formulate policy in foreign and domestic affairs, but in fact will rule the country under the martial law decree that was instituted seven months ago and extended to the entire country May 17. The national legislature, already controlled by the government party, will have even less influence.

South Korea's leaders pledged after the Oct. 26 assassination of President Park Chung-hee that there would be a new, more democratic constitution to replace Mr. Park's repressive "Yushin" document by the end of 1980 and general elections early next year.

South Korea: What comes next?



A helmeted soldier beats a young man during the recent popular uprising against government repression in the South Korean city Kwangju. (AP wirephoto)

Diplomatic observers note that Mr. Choi, Prime Minister Park and even Mr. Chun himself recently reaffirmed that promise.

What political opposition forces and the students fear most is that these promises may be kept, but not in the form they desire -- in other words, a constitution tailored by the military to suit its purposes, followed by elections under that document.

For that, there is a precedent: Mr. Park Chung-hee, in 1972, wrote the current "Yushin" constitution and then held parliamentary elections and a presidential election in which he was by design the only candidate.

Mr. Chun, who is widely believed to be the principle architect of the new council, is said to have justified the move on grounds that South Korea currently faces a "national crisis."

Mr. Chun's meaning in this instance was not made clear the phrase is one frequently used by South Korean leaders to describe the confrontation Communist North Korea -- issue on which virtually all Koreans, politics aside, line with their own government.

Although the threat of an invasion is not, at this time, taken seriously here, there is agreement on all sides -- including among Seoul's political opposition -- that the real threat to South Korea lies in the north.

What worries the opposition and foreign diplomats is that disturbances could become severe that South Korea's generals would have to divert large portions of their 600,000-man army to control the situation, ultimately encourage North Korea to try a military adventure.

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